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College fixture eyes departure

Loss of identity concerns officials

By KAYLEA HUTSON

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A piece of campus history will soon be moving to downtown Joplin.

The Spiva Art Center, which has been part of the Missouri Southern campus since 1967, has announced plans to move from its present location in the art building to a building located at 303 Wall.

The Center will share facilities with the Joplin Convention and Visitor's Bureau in the only completely historical block in Joplin.

Center officials said the move will take place within the next year. Diane Volk, Spiva board president, said a move of some sort has been in the works for several years. "It's hard to put a date on it," Volk said. "We have been looking for several years, but they all fell through."

"Another opportunity fell in [our] lap, and it did not fall through."

In November, the Center began looking at a possible move into a reconstructed version of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Depot at Second Street and Virginia Avenue.

However, that move did not work. Volk said the building would have been located on a former gas station, and the environmental clean-up was "more than we could handle."

In November, Volk said the reason for the move was to recover the Center's "lost identity."

"We have been absorbed into the system," she said. "We feel that instead of growing for the community, we are on the road to extinction."

Other reasons spurred the decision to move the facilities off campus.

"We don't have any classroom space, and the parking is a problem - not just for us, but it is a problem," Volk said. "We would like to offer to a wider audience painting

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Changes finalized for fall '93

By CHAD HAYWORTH

MANAGING EDITOR

Changes in Missouri Southern's fee payment policy have been finalized and will be implemented in the fall, said Jon Johnson, director of accounting services.

Students who pre-enroll for the fall semester will receive a statement of account by Aug. 1 for their tuition. Fifty percent of student fees are due by Aug. 9. The remainder of the fees will be due at the end of the third week of school.

Students who do not pay by the deadline will be dropped from their classes, Johnson said.

"Our purpose is to hit up pre-enrolled students so they give some thought to their method of payment," he said. "We want them to think about how to get their fees paid."

In the past, fees were due by the end of the third week of classes. Johnson said many students did not give any thought to how to pay until then.

"We have had more and more students who come in on deadline," he said. "Most of them don't have any idea what to do, or how to pay."

Johnson said student procrastination hampers his office's ability to assist with financial planning.

"It sounds like we are just in a hurry to get paid," he said. "But we are just trying to speed up the process of the decision-making on how things are going to be paid for."

Students who pre-register will no longer have to pay a \$25 pre-enrollment fee.

Johnson said some students would pre-register and then never show up for classes. This causes classes to be closed and new sections to be opened at less than maximum capacity.

"You would think the \$25 would

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A LEARNING EXPERIENCE



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Seneca High School students Aaron Arlington (left) Warren Brosi, and Noah Johnson take part in activities during Foreign Language Field Day as Monte McFerron, senior Spanish education major looks on.

► COORDINATING BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Standards, CORE to help students

By JOHN HACKER

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After more than nine months of study and discussion, most of Missouri's colleges and universities have chosen their admission status.

In accordance with recommendations made by a special Task Force on Critical Choices formed by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the institutions chose an admissions category for themselves.

In order of selectivity, the choices were: open, moderately selective, selective, and highly selective.

Missouri Southern was the first college to announce its moderately selective status in December.

Other institutions announcing their status included the University of Missouri (all campuses), selective; Southwest Missouri State University, selective; Southeast Missouri State University, moderately selective; Lincoln University, open; Missouri Western State

College, open; Northwest Missouri State University, moderately selective; Northeast Missouri State University, highly selective; Harris-Stowe State College, moderately selectively.

Central Missouri State University decided not to choose a category. Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner of higher education, said CMSU closely fits the open admissions status.

McClain said he hopes the new standards will help all students in Missouri get more out of college.

"We are hoping to demonstrate a significant number of students are benefiting from their college experience," McClain said. "It's clear right now many students are not benefiting and a large number are dropping out."

Southern President Julio Leon said some of the task force's major goals included improving retention rates, increasing graduation rates, and improving teacher education.

"Some of the other goals estab-

lished by the task force apply to graduate education and some apply to research institutions," Leon said. "Those really don't apply to us."

Art Wallhausen, assistant to the president at SEMO, said the admissions standards, along with implementation of the CORE curriculum, will help students. Wallhausen said SEMO chose the moderately selective status after nearly a year of discussion by organizations on the campus.

"We wanted to be more selective in [our] region without barring too many students," he said. "We don't want to become elitist, but students have to understand they have to meet certain minimums if they are going to have a chance in college."

McClain said the process has met with some resistance among legislators and educators.

"There is a general feeling that the education system needs to be improved," McClain said. "The disagreements are on the details of how to do it."

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► STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

Senate cash fuels group activities

By KAYLEA HUTSON

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Working to see that all student organizations have the same opportunity for access to student fee revenues is just one function of the Student Senate.

CAB, the Senate, and the picnic fund split \$15 of the \$20 activity fee.

The other \$5 is put toward publication of the *Crossroads* yearbook.

The Senate receives 20 percent of the fee.

During the fall semester the Senate revenue totaled \$11,000, while the spring semester revenue was \$16,220.

In order to receive funds from the Senate, student groups or individuals must fill out an appropriation request in the Student Services office.

The request must be made by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Senate Treasurer Lory St. Clair said during her five years as a member of the finance committee, the appropriation request form has undergone many changes.

She said the finance committee worked with the groups to cure many of the process's problems.

"Now includes a very detailed

instruction sheet, along with a card with my phone number," St. Clair said.

Following the Senate meeting, when the allocation is read for the first time, the finance committee meets in order to go over the request.

"We meet to check and double check all of the money requests, hopefully to spread out the money to many groups and to limit the amount of discussion during the meeting," St. Clair said.

"If the Senate spends all of its time arguing about the money, it limits the other things [we] can do. This is a streamlining-type process."

St. Clair said the finance committee wants to cut back on the time spent on allocations so the Senate can address issues which will affect the student's life on campus.

During the meeting following the first reading, the Senate members have the opportunity to debate and vote on the finance committee's recommendations.

A simple majority is needed for a recognized student organization to receive funds.

To be a recognized organization, a group needs to file with the CAB by October of the fall semester.

If the request comes from a non-recognized organization or individual student, a two-thirds majority vote is needed for approval.

During the fall semester, the Senate allocated \$10,217.79. Spring semester allocations total \$13,047.52 through last night.

In addition to simple allocations to groups, this semester the Senate voted to allocate \$2,000 for its yearly lobbying expedition to Jefferson City, but spent only \$1,219.

Senators also voted to give the Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon \$1,000.

Many organizations request funds each semester, while others make requests only once during the academic year.

St. Clair said all organizations have the opportunity to receive \$1,000 each semester.

"The College does not run on a yearly basis," she said. "The College runs on a semester basis, and it would be detrimental to students who are graduating in the odd semesters not to give them the same access to the fees every semester."

Four groups received funding during both semesters.

However, groups may not automatically receive funding.

During last night's Senate meeting, MSTA's request was turned down because the senators did not believe the organization needed the requested monies. St. Clair said the allocation process is fair for every student.

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FALL SEMESTER 1992		SPRING SEMESTER 1993	
FALL DEPOSIT	11,000	FALL BALANCE	782.21
ALPHA KAPPA DELTA	1,000	SPRING DEPOSIT	16,220
SADHA	1,000	BEGINNING BALANCE	17,002.21
STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION	1,000	JEFFERSON CITY TRIP	1,219
September Total	3,000	COMMUNICATIONS CLUB	1,000
PHI ETA SIGMA	345	PHON-A-THON	1,000
W.I.S.E.	1,000	January Total	3,219
IRA	588	SADHA	1,000
MSTA	246.45	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOC.	570
October Total	2,179.45	W.I.S.E.	1,000
KOINONIA	1,000	OMICRON DELTA KAPPA	352.50
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB	384.90	ATHLETIC TRAINERS	679.52
MSSC ART LEAGUE	1,000	STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION	1,000
CMENC	1,000	MODEL UN	1,000
November Total	3,384.90	BIOLOGY STUDENTS	243
YOUNG DEMOCRATS	1,000	February Total	5,845.02
ACCOUNTING CLUB	513.44	S.C.E.C.	663
MODEL UN	140	ALPHA EPSILON RHO	475
December Total	1,653.44	COLLEGE REPUBLICANS	1,000
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	10,217.79	PHI ALPHA THETA	681
ENDING BALANCE	782.21	PSYCHOLOGY CLUB	335.50
March Total		SIGMA TAU DELTA	150
April Total To Date		KAPPA MU EPSILON	679
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		829	
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 7		13,047.52	
		3,954.69	

IN FULL BLOOM



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Seneca high school students Beth Cook and Amy Shadwick pass by the newly bloomed star magnolias in the campus oval Tuesday. The students were on campus participating in the Foreign Language Fair.

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► STUDENT SENATE

Petitions available April 19

By P.J. GRAHAM
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Petitions for Student Senate executive officers will soon be available for Senate members interested in the positions.

The elections, to be held May 3 and 4, will be for the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer for the 1993-94 Senate. Doug Caanahan, Senate adviser, said certain qualities are beneficial.

"We're going to need people who will feel comfortable approaching faculty, administration, and the Board of Regents," he said. "The Student Senate is a liaison between the student body and the administration. Sometimes I think that is forgotten."

Senate president Larry Seneker also believes certain traits would be useful.

"I think the executive office should be very cohesive—they should be able to work together," he said. "You better make sure your heart is in it, because once elected, then you're responsible for all the duties—regardless of how distasteful they may be."

Requirements for all the offices include being a full-time student and having a 2.5 or better grade-point average. The president and vice-president must have at least 60 credit hours and have been on the Senate for at least two semesters; the secretary and treasurer need to have completed at least 30 credit hours and have spent at least one semester on the Senate.

The petitions for running will be available on April 19, in the Student Services Office in Room 211 of the Billingsly Student Center. The petitions will need to be returned by 5

p.m. on Friday, April 23. Seneker said a question and answer session between students and the candidates is being planned. Last year the Senate tried such a format, and though few turned out for the event, Seneker is hoping more people can be encouraged to attend and to vote in the election.

Seneker said it is "almost disheartening" that for the time he has been on the Senate several methods have been tried to increase voter turnout, but little change comes from a low number of voters usually between 200 and 300.

Caanahan agreed.

"Every year the Senate comes up with ideas to increase voting," he said. "I think the senators get more and more upset that more people don't vote. But I don't think the current Senate needs to feel about it."

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► STUDENT SENATE
MSTA fails to receive allocation

The bill for the Missouri Southern Student Senate lobbying trip to the State Capitol was smaller than expected. Senate Vice President Cami Davy, chair of the Jefferson City committee, reported at yesterday's meeting the Senate spent \$1,219 for the trip and a catered breakfast attended by Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, saving \$781 of the \$2,000 which had been set aside.

Senate Treasurer Lory St. Clair said she would see if the balance of the allocation had been transferred back to the Senate's account.

The Senate voted to reconsider a measure, tabled during last week's meeting, to allocate \$455 to the Missouri Student Teachers Association.

St. Clair said the finance committee recommended the Senators not allocate any money to the group.

A representative of the group told the finance committee frankly that she didn't know why the group was requesting funds when they could afford to spend the money themselves," St. Clair said.

A motion was passed to allocate no funds to MSTA.

The Senate then made two other allocations, totaling \$922.

Kappa Mu Epsilon was allocated \$679 and Sigma Tau Delta received \$150.

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CATHERINE ROSS/The Chari

High School students from the area competed in the district music festival last weekend. Winners will advance to Columbia.

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ensure that students would show," he said. "But it really hasn't."

Students who register at regular registration are responsible for the total amount of fees at that time.

Not everyone is happy with the new policy. Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, said the changes put added pressure on his department.

"The problem is that students have to pay their fees on Aug. 9 and their financial aid documentation isn't due until Aug. 1," he said. "That puts us in a rush to get the documentation done."

Gilbert said the part he objects to the most is students who have an excess amount of financial aid and who are expecting a refund from the College will now have to wait

until the end of the third week for their money.

"The problem is there are a lot of up-front costs for students in the first couple of weeks," he said. "Students spend more money in the first two weeks than they do all semester."

In the past, students who had the potential to receive financial aid could have their fees held until eligibility was determined.

The new policy won't allow for that, Gilbert said.

"I think the message we are sending to students is, 'get your stuff in early or you are going to suffer,'" he said. "There's no leeway anymore."

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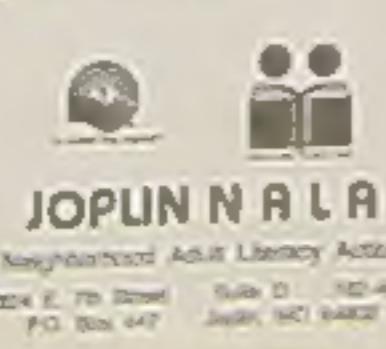
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► TORNADO PROCEDURES

Dangers lurk in spring

By KEVIN MCCLINTOCK

STAFF WRITER

For most people, spring is a time for short-sleeved shirts and 80 degree weather but it has a darker side: deadly tornadoes and thunderstorms.

Missouri Southern security and physical plant employees have devised plans to ensure student, faculty, and staff safety in case of severe weather.

Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, said his people watch the skies when inclement weather is predicted.

"Once a tornado is judged to be imminent, the alarm is sounded by Civil Defense," Boyer said.

Once an alert is given, students and faculty are expected to get to shelters immediately.

"Most Southern buildings have basements which provide adequate protection from the severe storms, Boyer said.

People in those buildings with no basement—the Ecumenical Building, physical plant, Ummel Hall and the Webster Communication and Social Sciences Building—have access to basements in nearby buildings.

The College has particular concern for students living in the residence halls.

Boyer said the basement of Apartment B is not safe during a tornado.

"That particular apartment has windows facing the direction from which a tornado would most likely come," said Boyer. "Since most injuries are caused from debris and so forth flying from shattered windows, [using that basement] would probably be the worst thing that we could do."

"We'd much rather see everybody go to the basement in Apartment C, which does not have windows and offers fewer hazards to the students."

The greatest danger lies with the student out in the open air, Boyer said. He said students caught outside need to get to a building as fast as possible.

► PHYSICAL PLANT

Crews play catch-up with projects

Rose garden, lighting slowed by lingering winter conditions

CHRIS BUNCH

STAFF WRITER

Physical plant crews at Missouri Southern are facing setbacks due to this year's off-and-on spring weather.

"We lost a lot of plants in front of Billingsly [Student Center] and the Art building. Fourteen trees and 22 shrubs are being planted around the buildings. Stone benches will be put next to the buildings.

Bob Beeler, director of physical plant. "We dug about two feet down in front of Billingsly and were going to start cultivating, but rains hit. We're just waiting for it to dry so we can start planting roses."

"Progress is coming along, however, and we are working every minute the weather will allow."

Another project the crews are working on is the landscaping of the Webster Communication and Social Sciences building and the Art building.

"We lost a lot of plants in front of Billingsly [Student Center] and the Art building. Fourteen trees and 22 shrubs are being planted around the buildings. Stone benches will be put next to the buildings.

Improvements for lighting on campus are continuing, too. A total of 24 new lights are being placed in the campus oval. The lights are the exact replica of the original lantern discovered here when Southern was founded.

A rose garden is being put in front of the BSC which the physical plant is excited about. The roses were donated, so the cost is minimal.

There was some damage in parking lots because of winter weather, which will require some reconstruction or resurfacing.

Additional sidewalks are also in the works, Beeler said.

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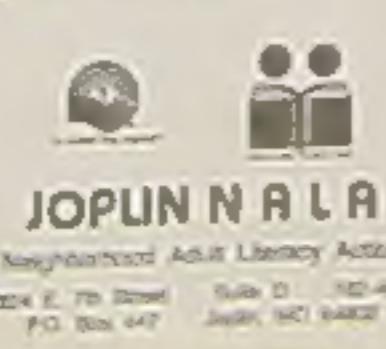
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IRELAND-ENGLAND RELATIONS

Driving 'the English out' purpose of IRA bombs

THE ECONOMIST

In March 20 the Provisional IRA dropped two bombs in litter bins at a crowded shopping center in Warrington, near Liverpool. The bombs went off within moments of each other, killing a three-year-old boy instantly. A 12-year-old died a week later. A young mother had a leg ripped away. Dozens more were injured. A headline in one paper reflected the views of many Britons: "What all this achieve?"

The IRA's answer is: "England out of Ireland."

The chilling truth about the IRA is that it is not driven by madness. Its members are sane men and women who commit monstrous



acts. Their logic is drawn from Irish history—at least, the history as they see it. Violence drove the

English out of the 26 counties of Ireland, they say, and violence will drive the English out of the six counties of Northern Ireland.

They think they have been making progress. The abolition in 1972 of the parliament at Stormont—the symbol of perpetual Protestant hegemony—must owe something to the IRA (the blind sectarianism of the Unionist politicians had a lot to do with it, too).

The Anglo-Irish agreement was signed in 1985 largely in pursuit of "security" against terrorism. The IRA condemned the agreement (they said it gave diplomatic gloss to British "occupation" of Northern Ireland), but it brought the Dublin government officially into North-

ern Irish affairs—something the Unionists read as a step towards a reunited Ireland.

John Hume, the leader of the nationalist but non-violent Social Democratic and Labor Party, has argued that IRA violence has damaged the integrity of the nationalist case. The killings, he says, have deepened the division between Catholics and Protestants. But it is sometimes said that Hume's arguments have gained dramatic impact from the IRA; the Anglo-Irish agreement was largely negotiated on the basis that it would diminish the "alienation" on which the IRA feeds.

IRA killers show little guilt. Instead they name people, often

members of their own family, who have been shot by British security forces.

They say they are pursuing an economic war against the British—the *Irish Times* calculates that attacks in England over the past year alone have cost \$1.5 billion in damage—and against "the British establishment". They reckon attacks in England can do more to "sicken" (their word) the British than any number of bombings inside Northern Ireland.

None of which leads to a strategic need to kill children in Warrington. The police say the IRA's warning was vague and deliberately misleading. The murder of children increases hostility to the IRA back

home.

Besides, the strategy of weakening British resolve does not appear to be working. Polls taken by MORI between 1980 and 1991 showed little movement in public opinion. In 1980, 28 percent of those polled thought Northern Ireland should remain part of the United Kingdom. In 1991, 33 percent thought so. In both years, just 25 percent thought Ireland should be reunified.

Politicians of all parties say they will stand firm against IRA demands. The government insists it will not negotiate with the IRA until it abandons its bombs. The people of Warrington might be the first to agree with that stance.

ITALY

Clean-up spawns bout of PR

THE ECONOMIST

There is a new spectator sport in Italy these days. Invented by a Milan magistrate, Antonio Di Pietro, it is called *lavoro*—cleaning up—and it is done before the cameras, around noon and in law courts across the land. The players include police, magistrates, and lawyers, as well as hundreds of politicians, business men, and civil servants arrested on corruption charges. Even the political troubles that the scandals have to now take second place among viewers.

Yet that these troubles are small. The government of Giuliano Amato has just lost its fifth minister in two months. This was the agriculture minister, Gianni Sartana, who stepped down after squatters in his home town of Cosenza warned him that he too was under investigation. The leaders of Amato's Socialist Party and its principal allies, the Christian Democrats, are now talking openly of a new and broader-based government in the not-too-distant future.

The limelight, though, has slipped away from government and parliament. Camera crews these days are more likely to be seen camped outside prisons like Milan's San Vittore, watching for the latest arrests, than outside Amato's office.

San Vittore's current inmates include Francesco Paolo Mattioli, a social director and number three at Fiat, and Gabriele Cagliari, who signed on chairman of ENI, Italy's national energy group, after his arrest on corruption charges this month. There are politicians too, though no members of parliament yet far. Parliament has had



98 requests to lift immunity (though these involve fewer members than that) and has agreed so far in 50 cases.

Though Milan, where the scandal began a year or so ago, leads in *pulizia* as it does in football, the game has spread far wider. Giuseppe Ciarrapico, the president of Roma football club, was arrested this week, together with his deputy, Mauro Leone. Both face fraud charges arising from an inquiry into the activities of a subsidiary of the state-owned EFIM group, which was put into liquidation last year. Leone was EFIM's deputy-chairman. The arrests are the talk of the town, not just because of the football connection but because both men owe part of their business success to Giulio Andreotti, a leading Christian Democrat and seven times prime minister.

Andreotti, now a life senator, seems to have gone into retreat. He has closed his private office just behind parliament, once the Mecca of many seeking *raccomandazione*. More than a letter of introduction, the *raccomandazione* was once the very stuff of an Italian politician's life. It helped multiply the number of grateful voters. But the

practice, in its more extreme form—a straight-forward exchange of votes for favors received—is now the subject of a criminal inquiry by the Naples courts. Last week parliament voted to lift the immunity of three members to allow Neapolitan magistrates to proceed on charges of this sort.

One of the three, Alfredo Vito, a Christian Democrat, has admitted that he collected billions of lire in bribes for local party leaders. He says his confession was triggered by a "crisis of conscience". "I was part of a system. That system is finished," he declared at a press conference last weekend. Vito's charges were confirmed this week by a local businessman who has turned himself in. More arrests are expected.

The stars of the game, the men and women "who are demolishing a political order", as Eugenio Scalfari, editor of a Rome daily, *La Repubblica*, puts it, are the magistrates. They have wide investigative powers. The superstar is Di Pietro, who is now such a celebrity that his appearance at a trial televised nationally last month drew over eight million viewers—more than any other program that night.

Not everyone likes all this publicity. Some politicians and businessmen claim that magistrates in Milan and elsewhere have abused their powers of arrest to extort confessions. Milan's attorney-general has banned cameras from the courts, enabling Fiat's Mattioli to give evidence this week without the added embarrassment of figuring in the lunch-time news.

Umberto Eco, Italy's best-known writer, has argued that the practice of allowing television cameras in courts should be dropped. He calls it a barbarous modern equivalent of the stocks, but in Sicily, where *pulizia* means rooting out the Mafia, Salvatore Riina, alleged head of the honorable society, welcomed the cameras with a regal wave of the hand when he first appeared in court after his arrest some weeks ago. His was a star performance, aimed to please the Mafia troops still at large. In the allusive style of a true *mafioso*, Riina alternately flattered and jeered at the court, while threatening his accusers. He was warned that a repeat performance could lead to fresh charges. Justice as a spectacle has its drawbacks.

In *Stalingrad*, Vilsmaier has borrowed from Hollywood the techniques of an epic war film, in which the special-effects department plays a prominent part. His battle scenes are realistically re-enacted with the help of decommissioned Warsaw Pact tanks, and there are chilling scenes of blood from mutilated bodies seeping into the snow.

The film is about young infantrymen sent to the front shortly before the Red Army encircles the forces

of the Wehrmacht. It is a story of ordinary soldiers suffering the consequences of their officers' follies, and Vilsmaier tells it well. He conveys the fear-drenched moments of battle, the horror and homesickness, the fatigue and cold, and the final despair as all is lost.

Yet in one sense, the film is a cop-out. It skirts around the role of the Wehrmacht in the Nazi terror machine. There are brief moments of wanton terror, such as the shooting of Russian civilians. But generally, the Wehrmacht is shown to be composed of honorable men duped by a bunch of madmen. *Schtonk* (Yiddish for "terrible mess") is a more humorous example of coming to terms with the past. Recently released in English, it deals with the Hitler diaries, one of the biggest journalistic hoaxes of recent times. Dietl captures the combination of unease and fascination that Germans feel for the Nazi period. He also proves that, in laughing about even the most traumatic aspects of their past, Germans have a sense of humor.

CONSERVATION

Tanzania joins movement

EARTH MATTERS

The government of Tanzania plans to establish an Environmental House to accommodate all non-governmental organizations and agencies involved in conservation as a means of ensuring better and more efficient coordination and use of common facilities.

Abubakar Mgumia, Tanzania's Minister for Tourism, Natural

Resources and the Environment, told the magazine *African Business* that "conservation is an expensive undertaking, especially in developing countries such as ours."

Mgumia is appealing to all international conservation NGOs working in Tanzania to consider operating out of Environment House. "Uncoordinated and unfocused conservation programs can be just as bad as or worse than no program at all," he said.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Last ibises fail to mate

By TIMOTHY LANGE

EARTH MATTERS

Japan has given up its attempt to breed one of its two remaining crested ibises, a species that now faces certain extinction, according to *New Scientist*.

The 18-year-old male of the pair has been returned to Japan after failing to mate with Chinese crested ibises at the Beijing Zoo. The only Japanese female ibis is a ripe 25 years old. Environmental degradation caused by the use of poisonous agricultural chemicals was blamed by the Japanese Environment Agency as the culprit for the species' demise.

While the spraying of pesticides and other chemicals did, in fact, help to wipe out the bird, the destruction of the crested ibis in Japan has a long history.

Known as the *toki*, the ibis has a special place in Japanese legend. The first *toki* was supposedly carved from a piece of red cedar by a master craftsman named Hidari, and the bird has been revered ever since. But not enough to stop people from

using vast numbers of the bird's luxuriant pink plumage for stuffing quilts and making feather dusters. By the 1920s, there were so few of the birds that they were already thought to be extinct.

The ibis was named a "natural monument" in 1934, but nothing special was done to protect them.

Many zoologists said the captive breeding program, which began in 1981 with the last five ibises found in the wild, was doomed to failure from the start. No Japanese crested ibis has ever mated in captivity.

Environmentalists say the ibis' imminent disappearance is symptomatic of much larger ecological problems in the Japanese Islands. Says Cecilia Song of the World Wide Fund for Nature in Tokyo: "The government still concentrates more on development than on environmental protection."

The Environmental Agency, she says, is politically weak, underfunded and understaffed, and it has no power to fight the larger ministries. "Quite a few species will have to become extinct before anything is done."

RUSSIAN POLITICS

Vice-president craves, plans for Yeltsin's office

Rutskoi wants to achieve position via elections, not by impeachment

THE ECONOMIST

Alexander Rutskoi, Russia's vice-president, is the only credible alternative leader to Boris Yeltsin. As one of three men at the top of Civic Union—a powerful lobby of industrialists and politicians—he had been building a power base before Yeltsin's showdown with parliament.

Over a year ago, he said he wanted to become president. He is now within a hair's breadth of achieving that ambition. If Yeltsin is eventually impeached by the Russian parliament, the vice-president takes over automatically. But that is not how Rutskoi wants to get the job.

Since he was elected in June 1991 on the same ticket as Yeltsin, the 45-year-old Rutskoi has distanced himself from unpopular economic reforms and has won a reputation as a straight-talking



Russian vice president
Alexander Rutskoi

ing soldier.

That reputation as a straight-talking soldier would be damaged if he became president by betraying his commander-in-chief and riding

in power on the back of the deeply unpopular parliament. It would be far better if he could wait for presidential elections—and win them fairly.

That may no longer be possible. After Yeltsin's announcement of "special rule" (where Yeltsin will rule "by decree" until April 25—when he plans to hold a "vote of confidence in his presidency" and a vote on a draft of a new constitution that would serve as the basis on which to elect a new parliament) on March 20, Rutskoi went on television to say he did not support his president. The next day his office released a letter saying the president's decree "will undoubtedly lead to the break-up of the government and society".

Though his past differences with the president have not stopped the two from working together, this time he may have gone too far.

Whether Rutskoi gets the top job through Yeltsin's impeachment or manages to rebuild his bridges with the president and resumes his position as heir-apparent, it is worth asking what sort of a president he might be. The answer is: a terrible one, for Russia and its neighbors.

His speeches are littered with

calls to rebuild a "Great Russia". If nationalism were to become Russian policy, there would be big conflicts with former provinces which are now independent countries, like Ukraine (Rutskoi has often claimed that Ukraine's Crimean peninsula should belong to Russia).

As an economic manager, Rutskoi believes in windy exhortation and a "third way" between capitalism and communism.

Since being put in charge of reforming agriculture in February 1992, he has been all rhetoric (peasants are "the supreme asset of mankind") and no action. He has concentrated on waste as a chronic weakness of Russian farming but he fails to see the connection between this and state control. He dismissed farm privatization as demagogery.

The biggest worry about a President Rutskoi concerns his political friends. Through Civic Union, he is allied with ex-Soviet technocrats and industrialists. These men claim that they alone have the managerial skills to save Russia. But in they who got it into its current mess.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR



Today 8

11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. — KOINONIA LUNCH. Basement of Apt. B.
Noon to 1 p.m. — LDSSA. BSC 313.
7 p.m. — FCA. Second Floor Lounge.
9 p.m. — WESLEY FOUNDATION BIBLE STUDY. Basement of Apt. C.

Tomorrow 9

5 to 8 p.m. — CIRCUS. Band practice field

Saturday 10

Noon — SCIENCE FAIR. Renyold's Hall.

Sunday 11

7 p.m. — WESLEY FOUNDATION. Newman Road United Methodist Church.

Monday 12

2:00 to 2:30 p.m. — OMICRON DELTA EPSILON. BSC 311.
3 to 4 p.m. — ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE. BSC 306.
3:30 to 5 p.m. — PHI ETA SIGMA. BSC 311.
4 to 5 p.m. — GREEK COUNCIL. BSC 314.
4 to 6 p.m. — DECORATE FOR KOINONIA DINNER. Connor Ballroom.
4 to 7 p.m. — SIGMA NU. BSC 313.
6:30 to 8 p.m. — KOINONIA DINNER. Connor Ballroom.

Tuesday 13

8 to 9 a.m. — ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. BSC 310.
Noon to 1 p.m. — PYRAMID GAME. Lion's Den.
3 to 5 p.m. — SIGMA TAU DELTA. BSC 306.
HONORS CLUB meeting. BSC 313.
7 p.m. — KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP. College Heights Christian Church.

Wednesday 14

7 a.m. — AGENTS BREAKFAST. BSC 310.
8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. — JOPLIN CHAMBER OF ETHICS. Connor Ballroom.
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — GYRO AND FLYTRAP. Outside on the lawn.
Noon to 1 p.m. — BAPTIST STUDENTS. BSC 311.
Noon to 1 p.m. — QUESTIONS OF FAITH. BSC 306.
8 to 6 p.m. — STUDENT SENATE. BSC 310.

AROUND CAMPUS

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1993

► CAB/ROTC

Spring Fling events begin Monday

‘\$50 Pyramid,’ ‘Family Feud,’ Kier on tap

By KRISTA CURRY

CAMPUS EDITOR

Participation will be the buzzword when Missouri Southern's Spring Fling gets under way April 12-16.

The theme this year is ‘You Are The Next Contestant,’ said Lori Clair, Campus Activities Board president.

During the week, various games, including two from daytime television, will be brought to Southern.

“It should be really fun,” said St. Clair. “CAB has been working really hard, so it should be very successful.”

Students will get a chance to try their hand at Family Feud at 10 a.m. on Monday in the Lions’ Den.

“We would like to see as many students participate as possible,” said Val Carlisle, coordinator of

student activities. “Large cash prizes are available for students to win.”

The pyramid game will be played at noon on Tuesday, April 13 in the Lions’ Den.

“It will resemble Dick Clark’s \$50,000 Pyramid,” said St. Clair.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday activities will include the gyro and flytrap, which will take place on the front lawn.

If it rains, the gyro and flytrap will be set up in the Lions’ Den.

Carlisle said, “weather permitting, twister will be played outside. The Lions’ Den is the alternative site.

On Friday, April 15, the annual picnic will begin at 10:45 a.m. CAB is expecting around 3,000

students to attend.

Hamburgers and grilled chicken breast will be the menu for this year’s picnic.

“The picnic is open for full or part-time students,” said Carlisle.

“But students who plan to eat at the

picnic must have their school I.D.”

Kier, a comedian, will be performing at the picnic, said St. Clair. “He’s been here before. He sings, plays guitar, and tells jokes.

“He also impersonates singers such as Billy Joel and Bruce

Springsteen.”

CAB encourages students to attend all of the events during the week.

“It should be a fun time,” said St. Clair.

Rappel clinic on Friday's slate

By LEANN MOORE

STAFF WRITER

As a part of Spring Fling, Missouri Southern students will have the opportunity to rappel.

Missouri Southern’s ROTC program will join in the celebration by hosting a rappelling clinic as part of the campus-wide event.

The clinic will be held from noon to 3 p.m., Friday, April 16

at the rappel tower behind the police academy.

The clinic will be open to any interested persons in the four-state area and persons will be required to sign a release form.

“Individuals don’t need a rappelling background or any equipment,” says Sgt. First-Class Richard Wright.

“We’ll teach them everything they need to know.”

According to Master Sergeant

Sam Haskins, “This clinic provides everyone interested a chance to rappel and have fun while raising funds for ROTC.”

The admission is \$1 per rappel or \$3 for unlimited rappels during an allotted time period.

Funds from this event will go to ROTC to purchase items needed and offset costs from other extracurricular activities for the cadets.

► MSTV

Academic Challenge begins final round

Area high schools compete in contest

By LEANN MOORE

STAFF WRITER

Empire District Electric Company and Missouri Southern State College are sponsoring the third annual Empire Academic Challenge airing on Ozark Public Television (KOZJ) and Missouri Southern Television (MSTV).

The Academic Challenge provides scholastic competition for area high school students from Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

The competition began taping in October 1992 and has aired preliminary rounds periodically on MSTV and KOZJ since that time.

Each week two teams meet and

players on the winning high school teams.

The second-round winners receive \$100, quarterfinal winners receive \$250, semifinal winners receive \$500, second-place finishers receive \$900 and first-place final winners receive \$1200.

Questions for the Academic Challenge are bought in Questions Unlimited to guarantee fairness for all teams.

The set for this year’s Academic Challenge has changed from previous years.

The studio for MSTV has moved from the out buildings of the Webster Communications and Social Science Building.

“It has taken a lot of time from students and professors to organize this event. The time involved has been volunteered.”

— Ward Bryant

HIGH TECH WORK



T. ROB BROWN/THE CHART

Don Mosley, telecommunications coordinator, makes a temporary splice on a phone line outside of the Webster Communications and Social Science Building. The line, uncovered by mistake during the spring spruce up, controls the data transfer that regulates the temperature in North and South Halls.

► ECM

Group uses films to promote message

Programs to be held in Billingsly Student Center

By ALLISON GROSSE

STAFF WRITER

Religion, faith, and the role of God will be the subject of four films to be shown next week in the Billingsly Student Center.

The series is sponsored by the Ecumenical Campus Ministries.

‘Questions of Faith,’ the first film in the series, will be shown at 12

p.m. Wednesday in Room 306 of the Billingsly Student Center.

Christine Iannucilli, ECM chaplain, said the film answers three questions: “Who is God?,” “What is the image of God?,” and “What do you think of God?”

The rest of the series will continue as follows:

• What Has God Got To Do With Religion? at 12 p.m. April 20 in Room 314 of the BSC.

The film deals with how a good God can permit evil and why He doesn’t stop innocent suffering.

• Who Needs Organized Religion? at 12 p.m. May 5 in Room 306 of the BSC.

The third film in the series concerns the importance of organized religion and how to deal with religious differences.

• What Matters Anyway? at 12 p.m. May 12 in Room 306 of the BSC.

The last film will reveal what gives life meaning, what sustains faith, and what it means to be fully human.

Each film will last approximately 20 to 30 minutes, followed by a brief discussion period.

Afterwards, everyone who attends will be treated to lunch by ECM.

The judges, time keepers, moderators, and other students involved have volunteered their time to help with the competition.

“It has taken a lot of time from students and professors to organize this event,” said Ward Bryant, production manager for MSTV. “The time involved has been volunteered.”

More than \$4,000 in scholarships to Southern will be awarded to the

The move gave Steve Williams, theatre major, in conjunction with communications students, a chance to redesign the set and give the Academic Challenge a new look.

Bryant said Williams contributed the manpower for painting the set and added the final touches to the design.

The semi-final round was moved to Everton vs. College Heights Christian School in game one and Vinita vs. Mt. Vernon in game two.

College Heights defeated Everton 290-75 and Mt. Vernon defeated Vinita 270-175.

The final round between College Heights and Vinita is scheduled to be taping on April 21 and will be played on July 1.

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Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:30 P.M.
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	3:00 P.M.
Liturgy of the Passion	7:30 P.M.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass	7:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection	8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.
ST. MARY'S	
25th & Moffet, Joplin, Mo.,	623-3333
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:30 P.M.
Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion	7:30 P.M.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass	8:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection	8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.
St. Peter's	
812 Pearl, Joplin, Mo.,	623-8643
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 P.M.
Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion	5:15 P.M.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass	7:30 P.M.
Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection	9:00 A.M. 11:15 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CALENDAR ON CAMPUS

Taylor Auditorium

April 21-24 — *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, presented by Southern Theatre.

Webster Auditorium

April 25 — National Music Week concert, featuring members of the Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy.

Spiva Art Center

823-0183
Through Sunday — "43rd Spiva Annual."

JOPLIN

The Bypass

824-8095
Tomorrow — Sundogs.
Saturday — Walking on Einstein.

April 16 — Smoot Mahuli.

Memorial Hall

823-3254
April 25 — Ricky Van Shelton.

TULSA

Tulsa Convention Center

May 1 — Alan Jackson and Billy Dean.

Mohawk Park

April 16 — The Beach Boys with Paul Revere and the Raiders.

SPRINGFIELD

Hammons Center

(417) 836-5774

April 16 — Michael W. Smith and D.C. Talk.

April 30 — Alan Jackson.

Hammons Hall

(417) 836-6782

April 22 — Dennis Miller.

May 10 — David Copperfield.

Regency Showcase

(417) 862-2700

Mondays — Rave with Jeff Henry.

Friday — DJs Inside and Out.

April 16 — New World Spirits.

April 17 — Slugworth and Life Without Wayne.

Shrine Mosque

(417) 869-0529

April 17 — Alice in Chains.

Circus of Power and Masters of Reality.

April 28 — Bryan Adams.

KANSAS CITY

Memorial Hall

(816) 931-3330

Tomorrow — Testament.

Tuesday — Phish.

Arrowhead Stadium

(816) 931-3330

May 31 — Paul McCartney.

ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights

(314) 421-3853

Tuesday — Dinosaur Jr. and Gumball.

Wednesday — Indigo Girls.

April 15 — Drivin' N' Cryin'.

April 17 — Delbert McClinton.

May 5 — Bely.

Busch Stadium

(314) 291-7600

April 29 — Paul McCartney.

American Theatre

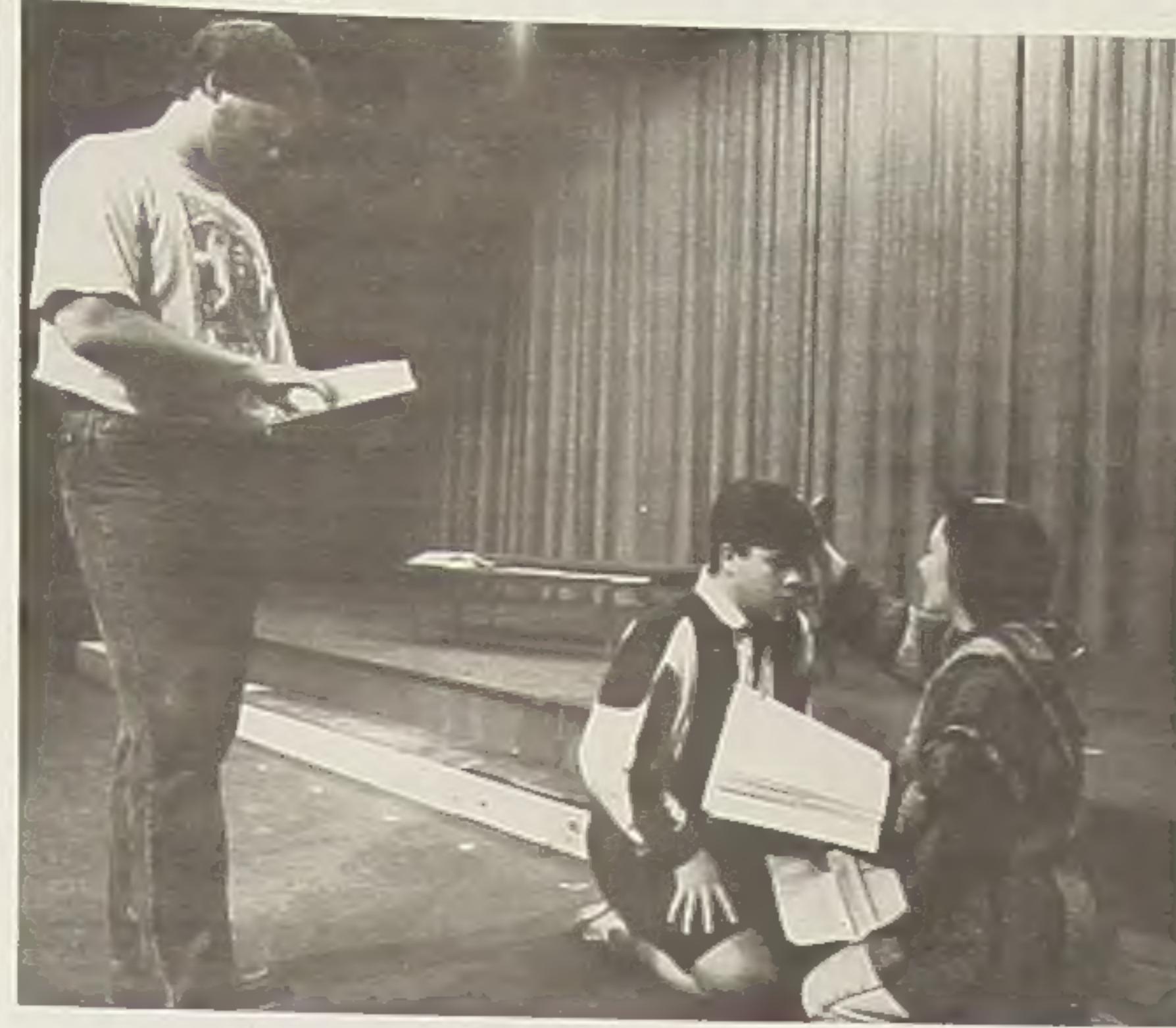
(314) 291-7600

Wednesday — Phish.

Fox Theatre

Wednesday — Peter, Paul and Mary.

GROWING UP



T. ROB BROWN/The Chan

Student director Matthew Beese (left) oversees Jerrod Attebury (center) and Jennifer Carroll in a scene from *The Stonewater Rapture* in Taylor Auditorium Tuesday. The one-act play will be shown on April 20.

► SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COMMUNITY BAND

Area citizens join students in group

By BRIAN SANDERS

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Musically inclined residents of Joplin and the surrounding area will join forces with Missouri Southern students and faculty in concert tonight.

The Southwest Missouri Community Band will perform under the direction of Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, at 7:30 p.m. today in Taylor Auditorium. Admission is free.

The program features music from Sousa and Vivaldi, as well as medleys of music from Gershwin,

Mancini, and *My Fair Lady*.

"We usually do a couple of classical tunes at every concert. But we also do [musical] styles from the 1950s, which is about the time most of these people were active in school," Meeks said.

The band, which was originally formed as the Carthage Community Band 10 years ago by Meeks and Joe Boyd, is composed of musicians from Joplin, Webb City, Carthage, Neosho, Carl Junction, and Pittsburg, Kan.

"We were aware that there was really no venue to perform once you graduated from the College, unless

you were professional and went somewhere besides the four-state area," Meeks said.

Although Meeks said the band was not "under the auspices of the College," the band came to Southern two years ago.

"In order to gain more membership, we moved it to a more central part of the area," Meeks said. "Actually, the band asked to come here, and Havelly agreed to let us come here and use the facilities. It was a sort of a goodwill move."

Currently, 60 musicians make up the band, including seven Southern students and five faculty members.

► THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Plays show off directors' talent

Irish: Directing 'kind of scary, neat'

By LEASA WEBB

STAFF WRITER

Time is scarce these days for members of the theatre department who are directing and acting in one-act plays beginning April 20 in Taylor Auditorium.

Matthew Beese will direct *The Stonewater Rapture* by Doug Wright, a play about growing up and facing life for the first time. The play will show on April 20, starring Jerrod Attebury as Whitney and Jennifer Carroll as Carlyle.

On April 22, *Once Upon a Summertime* by Mary W. Schaller, tells a tale directed by Brandi Aissa Backer. It is a play about a blind girl dealing with her life when a fairy with ulterior motives comes to her aid. It stars Zach Carnegie as Robin and Johanna Kephart as Tiffany.

Next is a play directed by Heather Haar titled *Next*, written by Terence McNally.

Haar, who also acts in another play, says that directing is harder, but by doing both, "you learn to appreciate the actors and their ideas.

You can always tell a good director [by how] they bring out the best in their actors."

The play is about a middle-aged theatre manager dealing with the threat of the Vietnam War and the unsympathetic treatment by the government of its people.

Haar said she chose this play because it was amusing and thought provoking. "The humor was the first thing and the message underneath was the second."

The play will show on April 23.

Jonathon Peck, who also acts in another play, will direct *Private Wars* by James McLane. This play, starring Lawrence Alford as Gately, Mike W.D. Smith as Silvio, and Duane Sidney as Natwick, is about three Vietnam veterans who have

suffered physical and mental disabilities as the result of battle. The play takes place in an Army hospital, where they deal with life in their own twisted, offbeat ways. It will show on April 29.

"Directing one-acts for the first time, is kind of scary and neat at the same time," said Shawn Irish, senior theatre major and director of *Birds* by Leonard Melfi presented on May 4.

"You get a different perspective of a play as a participant than you do as an observer," he said.

"As a director you become very attached to the play and it becomes personal."

The cast includes Heather Haar as Velma Sparrow and Patrick T. Worley as Frankie Bastia, two lonely people who come together after work one night. Velma, who has a terrible secret, seeks to make contact with a man for the first time in her life.

A modern day *Beauty and the Beast*, where an author meets his artistry in physical form, is the synopsis of *The Author's Voice* written by Richard Greenberg and directed by William Watts. The play will show on May 6 and stars Duane Sidney as Todd, Jonathon Peck as Gene, and Tabitha Partlow as Poetia.

Senior Prom, written by Robert Mearns, will be the final one-act of the semester on May 11.

Lawrence Alfred, director of the play, said that time is the main problem for a first-time director.

"Although both take time, it is a good experience," he said. "Being an actor as well as director complements each other — you not only get to see what the actors' role details but experiment with it as director."

All plays will be at 11 a.m. in Taylor Auditorium and all students are welcome to attend.

► DEBATE

Morris: Team survives 'road trip from hell'

By HONEY SCOTT

STAFF WRITER

It was a 22-hour drive for the debate team to get to Towson State University in Baltimore for the national debate tournament.

"It was a road trip from hell," said Eric Morris, debate coach. "Everybody experienced van living, which is that sense of camaraderie one gets from seeing your teammates struggling to get comfortable."

Paul Hood, senior English major, and Ken Delaughader, senior communications major, finished with a 5-3 record, but missed the out rounds by speaker points.

"It was a tough weekend in some ways," Morris said. "There were teams competing late in the tournament whom we could have beaten; teams in the octofinals and semifinals they've beaten previously. It was a strange tournament in that people who've won other tournaments didn't get to or dropped early in our rounds."

Morris said the random judging was a big factor in the tournament.

"One of the difficulties in nationals is the number of judges that we had never seen before," he said. "It is hard to know how to adapt to all of those judges; with some, it's hard to know what they voted on, even when they tried to explain."

Greg Autry, freshman political science major, and Eric Dicharry,

sophomore economics and finance major, finished with a record of 4-4.

"I'm pretty happy about the junior team," Morris said. "Three out of four of the debaters we took had never seen the national tournament. The fact that they went and took it all in stride is a feat in itself."

Morris said the final tournament of the year was very unpredictable.

"It was very emotional because it's the last tournament of the

year," he said. "Some have their best tournament ever, while some fall apart. The fact that we kept it together and were consistent was a good thing."

This year's success leaves Morris optimistic about the team's chances for next year.

"Next year we will add members to the squad," Morris said. "I think the kind of research emphasis from the spring will be carried into fall, and we will be much stronger."

► ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Rogers' repertoire focuses on nature

Joplin native to read poetry Tuesday at BSC

By CHRISTINA WATKINS

ADVERTISING MANAGER

Joplin native Pattie Rogers will present a poetry reading at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13 in Room 306 of the Billingsley Student Center.

"We are very lucky to have her," said Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English. "She is very widely published and doing a lot of writers' conferences and readings. She is very popular in the poetry circuit."

Dworkin had heard of Rogers at a Masters Fine Arts & Creative Writing workshop years ago. Recently, she learned that Rogers was holding a temporary associate professor position at the University of Arkansas, and contacted her for a possible reading. This will be her first visit to Joplin in 25 years.

"It is kind of intriguing that she was born in Joplin," Dworkin said.

Rogers graduated from high school in Joplin, received her bachelor of arts in English literature from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1961, and her master of arts in creative writing from the University of Houston in 1981.

Dworkin describes Rogers as "second," defined by Webster's

Third International Dictionary as being "marked by noteworthy intellectual productivity and inventiveness."

"She is a fine, unique poet," Dworkin said. "She is very daring and risky. She is not coy; she doesn't hold back."

Dworkin went on to say that people who are interested in biology and other sciences will enjoy her poetry.

"She includes a lot from the natural world," Dworkin said. "She is clearly an enthusiastic naturalist."

Rogers has five books published, and her poems have appeared in many anthologies and numerous reviews.

"Her vocabulary is very rich," Dworkin said. "She includes very particular nouns, like 'ovipositors.'

She added that Rogers is celebratory, rather than cynical.

"Her poetry reading is not a lecture," Dworkin said. "It is something between a lecture and a musical concert."

Rogers has been presenting poetry readings since 1981, from New York to California and from Texas to Montana. In the future, she will also read at the University of Idaho and the Lannan Foundation in Los Angeles.

► JURORED ART EXHIBITION

Schwieger's works selected for exhibition

Two local artists, including a member of Missouri Southern's faculty, participated in the 14th annual Jurored Art Exhibition at the Salina Art Center in Salina, Kan.

C. Robert Schwieger, Southern professor of art, and William Rainey of Joplin exhibited a total of 11 works of art.

► ELECTION RESULTS

71 % of voters say yes to bond issue

Nearly 6,000 cast votes in election

Joplin voters gave approval Tuesday to a \$3.15 million bond issue to finance maintenance, repair, and remodeling projects in Joplin R-8 schools.

The unofficial tally was 4,126 "yes" and 1,170 "no." The bond issue found favor with just over 70 percent of voters in Jasper and Newton counties. A four-sevenths (57.1 percent) majority was needed to pass the measure.

According to the proposal, the district's current \$3.45 million debt will be combined with the new \$3.15 million debt. The existing 11-cent levy for debt service should retire the total debt over 20 years. The combined debt will accrue interest costs of \$5.5 million over the period.

One-third of the money is slated for ceilings and energy-efficient lighting in classrooms. The balance will be spent on roof and window replacements, waterproofing, electrical upgrades, remodeling, and various safety improvements.

The measure's victory comes in the wake of a defeat last April of a \$5 million dollar bond issue for similar purposes. Voters also rejected the same package four months later.

Despite the defeat of both pack-

ages, the vote kept getting closer to the required 57.1 percent necessary to secure approval. The April package was endorsed by 49.5 percent of the voters, while the August measure was backed by 50.1 percent.

One factor in Tuesday's election may have been voter turnout. Tuesday, just a little more than 5,800 voters went to the polls, while in the April election 9,170 ballots were cast. In August, nearly 11,000 voters participated.

The last tax issue to gain voter approval was a 35-cent increase in the operating levy. That measure gained voter approval in October 1988. A portion of that money financed construction of a new gymnasium at Joplin High School.

Since that time, two bond issues and three levy hikes have been rejected by district voters.

In other election results, Jerry Black, Charles C. McGinty, and Timothy Huff were elected to three-year terms on the Joplin R-8 School Board. Rockford E. Smith, running unopposed, was elected to a two-year term.

McGinty and Smith were previously appointed to the Board to serve the unexpired terms of two members who resigned.

► GETTING OUT THE VOTE



T.P. HANRAHAN/The Chart

Election Worker Mary Newman assists a voter while James Mason, 10, entertains Newman's colleagues at Joplin City Hall during Tuesday's election. A little more than 5,800 Joplin voters cast ballots.

Normally, voters elect two directors in three-year terms. A new state law took effect in this election that increases Board membership from six to seven. More than half the Board's membership was chosen Tuesday.

In other action voters:

• Added a \$1 municipal court fee to help fund the Lafayette House in Joplin.

• Webb City voters elected Sterling Grant mayor and Michael White to the Ward 6 seat on the Webb City Council.

• Webb City voters elected David Collard, William Roderique, and Bud Comer to three-year terms on the Webb City School Board.

► CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

Program brings holiday cheer 8 months ahead of schedule

By TODD HIGDON

STAFF WRITER

Each April, Christmas comes early to Joplin residents who need help remodeling their homes.

The Christmas in April national program began in 1973 in Midland, Texas. The Joplin program began in December 1991.

The program is designed to rehabilitate the homes of the poor, elderly, and disabled. The program is a non-profit, private organization. Funds are received from churches, businesses, corporations, foundations, service organizations, and clubs. Christmas in April will be held on April 24. It is always set on the last Saturday of April.

Rosalind Meeks-West, executive director, organized the local program.

"We are going to use the rest of the year for handicapped residents who need a wheelchair ramp on their houses," said West.

The program provides for carpentry and electrical repairs, painting, siding, trash removal, and cleaning. The average cost of the materials for each home renovation is about

\$2,000. This year, the program will renovate four houses in the Joplin area.

The Joplin program, boasts about 100 volunteers and six board members. The board members are: West, Thomas Cusack, Sr., treasurer; Thomas Cusack, Jr., house captain director; Don Hoops, volunteer coordinator; George Reinhold; and Paul Bargar.

Across America, the national program has rehabilitated 10,500 homes with 215,000 volunteers involved in 230 cities and towns. More than 42,000 people helped in 1992.

"Neighbor helping neighbor builds not only houses, but also friendships, and those friendships become the foundations of stronger communities," said former President George Bush. "I salute Christmas in April for your dedication to that belief."

Various community organizations, churches and service groups refer houses to the program. A work-scope tradeperson visits the homes. Then a committee of the Board makes a determination about the house.

The volunteers start as early as 14 years old and come from churches, businesses, schools, and the interested public.

For more information, persons may contact Christmas in April Joplin, Inc., 1602 Valley Street, Joplin, MO 64801. The phone number is 782-0055.

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► MCDERMID, from page 4

going further in school and more are graduating compared to previous decades. However, teachers get criticized for their success in that some of the current increase in rate of high school dropouts is due to these "at risk" students now making it to high school and dropping out rather than being kicked out or dropping out in earlier grades.

Another issue that irritates me is when complex research data is interpreted in simplistic ways. The current fed is to compare achievement test scores with previous classes of American students and to compare American students' scores with students' scores from other countries. If current American students' scores are not as good as the comparison groups, it is assumed that our educational system (especially our teachers) have failed us. There is not enough space in this whole newspaper to explain all the reasons why such a conclusion is not only viable one. However, I will attempt to give a few ideas to consider in such comparisons. The first is the fact that student motivation is important in doing well on such tests. Many such tests are given in the United States that have no direct bearing

on the student. It is possible current American students are more apathetic about such testing compared to past students and compared to students from other countries.

It would be more appropriate to compare scores to tests that do matter to the student. College entrance exams are such tests. Studies show current American students on the average are not scoring as well as Americans in the past nor do they do as well as Japanese, German or English students. However, a closer look shows such a comparison is not so clear. More American students are going on to college than ever before. It is reasonable to assume that it is more of the average and below average students who are adding to this percentage than the higher ability students. When you have a greater number of persons with lower academic aptitude taking college entrance exams, the average will drop even if there is no change in the average high school graduate.

Related to the above, it doesn't make sense to compare scores from countries where relatively few people take college entrance exams (most likely those with the highest academic ability) to our country

where the majority attend college. A majority, 60-percent, of American high school seniors attend college compared to 37-percent in Japan and 28-percent in England and Germany. When more reasonable comparisons are made by contrasting the top percent from each country, Americans score better than same as any other Western industrialized country.

The above is not to be interpreted that I believe students in our schools are doing as well as possible. What I resent is that, for the most part, teachers are our greatest educational asset but are currently being made out to be our biggest liability. Educational problems are complex and there are no simple answers. Nothing is solved by wrongly stating most teachers don't care about their students or that teachers have it made. Such comments lead to resentment, burnout, and good teachers leave the field. In my experience, we need to support rather than criticize teachers. Most are caring individuals who try their best in increasingly difficult situations.

As I said, "Let's hear it for our teachers."

Through those ups and downs of college life - you learn. All of the experiences help you (the good and the bad) - although it's usually bad you remember after it's over.

As I leave the campus in December, I hope I'll remember more of the good.

City Briefs

● Diabetes support groups to meet

This month, two diabetes support groups will meet at Freeman Hospital in Joplin.

The Diabetes Adult Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 12 in Room C of the Rosemary Titus Reynolds Conference Center at Freeman Hospital. Dr. Michael D. Landreau will speak on diabetes induced renal disease and kidney-pancreas transplantation. The program is free and open to all interested persons. For more information, persons may call 625-6674.

A support group for parents of children with diabetes is being formed. The first organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. April 26 in Room A of the Rosemary Titus Reynolds Conference Center. For more information, interested persons may call Barbara Williamson at 623-6382.

● United Way looking to grow

The Joplin chapter of the United Way is looking to grow stronger.

The group will hold its 69th annual membership meeting at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Banquet Center, 3316 South Main Street in Joplin.

The featured speaker will be Elaine Chao, president of the National United Way.

● Voters nix emergency phone system

It doesn't look like there will be a Jasper County emergency phone system anytime soon.

The system, including a telephone tax to finance it, was defeated Tuesday in a special election. The system garnered "yes" votes totaling a little more than 40 percent. Officials termed voter turnout light.

The count was 4,236 votes for the measure, while 6,249 persons opposed the system.

The special election was called in an effort to extend 911 telephone service countywide and to bring with it enhanced capability. The added feature would give emergency service personnel the location of the call automatically.

● Voters approve fee for Lafayette

Joplin voters gave strong approval to a measure that will add a \$1 fee to municipal court cases to

help fund a local women's shelter.

The measure got the nod from voters by a 3-1 count with 3,580 votes for the fee and 1,170 votes against.

The Joplin City Council added the measure to the ballot in response to a request from Lafayette House, which provides shelter and other services to women and children. The Lafayette House and the city shared costs for the election.

City officials estimate the fee will generate about \$20,000 annually.

● St. John's offers "Low Fat Living"

A "Low Fat Living Class" will be offered Wednesdays through April 28 at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin.

Classes will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The fee for the classes is \$45. To register, persons may call 625-2000.

● Not too late for softball tryouts

Tryouts and late registration for girls' Little League softball are set for Saturday at the Blazier Complex, 17th Street and Adele.

Little League (players ages 10-12) tryouts will be held at 10 a.m. with Senior League (13-15) tryouts at 1 p.m.

Positions are available on T-ball and Senior League teams. Late registration will be taken at 9 a.m. Saturday.

For more information, persons may contact Freda Blinzer at 624-9316.

● Local man captures state honor

Missouri Highway and Transportation Department employee Tim Houdyshell was honored as the March State Employee of the Month at a ceremony March 29 in Jefferson City. Gov. Mel Carnahan presented the award to Houdyshell, who is a senior highway maintenance supervisor at Joplin.

In February, MHTD chose Houdyshell as its Employee of the Month, an honor bestowed on one in more than 6,000 employees. From there, Houdyshell was chosen the Employee of the Month out of all state employees.

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► BROWN, from page 4

I received Southern's letter of acceptance, there was a scholarship enclosed.

It was then certain I would attend Southern. Later, I decided to attend all four years.

Who knows? I may still attend MU for graduate school; it's a desire of mine. But the important point is that I received practical experience working on *The Chart*, *Crossroads*, *Avalon*, *Intermission*, and had a college internship with a professional magazine.

This College has advantages, but also disadvantages. While the facil-

ties are great, there are some things that could be better.

For instance, I would've liked to learn from a photojournalism instructor. I've done well, won several state awards, and learned from fellow photographers Cox, Ancell, and Hayworth, but I think *The Chart*'s photos would improve if an instructor was available to mold the photographers into creative image-makers. Don't get me wrong, "Hands-on" is great, but I believe instruction is an integral part of learning.

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ON CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Barn Theater included in allocations

Communications and Social Science Building was built, but nothing at that time for the Barn Theater.

The Barn Theater burned in November 1990.

On Monday night, Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) amended the original amount in order for the Barn Theater to be included.

"I amended the original amount so that we could add \$233,000 for the last portion of the money to be able to rebuild the Barn Theater," he said.

On Burton's motion, the committee reallocated the money in this way: \$222,342 for the Barn Theater, \$2,069,760 to pay part of the principal of the Webster

Building loan, and \$252,242 for interest on the loan.

College President Julio Leon said he is pleased with the progress of the Barn Theater legislation.

"This appropriations bill merely changes the distribution of money for the Webster Building," he said. "This is simply a different arrangement."

Burton said Southern currently has raised approximately two-thirds of the money required to rebuild the Barn Theater.

Part of the money raised is through insurance proceeds, and they have a substantial portion of it through a contribution by somebody from Wal-Mart in Wal-Mart stock that they will sell to help pay

the balance of it," he said.

Burton said now that the bill has passed out of the Budget Committee, it will come to the House floor.

"I don't anticipate there will be any problems on the House side," he said.

After passing the House, the bill would move on to the Senate.

"It then depends on the Senate side and whether we can keep it (Barn Theater) in over there," he said.

"I feel very confident that we can."

Burton said the key to the bill passing the Senate will be whether there are problems with House Bill 3, sponsored by Rep. Chris Kelley.

(D-Columbia), chair of the Budget committee. The bill concerns 1994 appropriations for the expenses, grants, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education and the state's public institutions of higher education.

"(Kelley) has indicated that if that bill is not passed, he will try to drop out all of the bond expenditures," Burton said.

"If his bill runs into problems in the Senate, he may come back and completely re-do the Capitol improvements budget."

The Senate appropriations committee voted to pass HB 3 on March 31, clearing the way for the bill to move on to the Senate floor.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

MU oil spill kills 16,000 fish near Columbia

A waste petroleum spill that killed 16,000 fish has made life hectic for the University of Missouri-Columbia and state environmental agencies.

Sometime on Monday, March 29, approximately 1,000 gallons of waste petroleum was leaked from a fire-training site owned by MU, located in New Haven Road, north of Columbia. The spill was reported on Wednesday, March 31.

Kevin Widemann, an environmental specialist with the Department of Natural Resources, said agents estimated 16,698 fish were killed in Gridstone Creek, where the spill occurred.

MU apartments may be ready for use in 1995

In 1995, campus apartments for sophomores, juniors, and seniors might become a reality for students at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Campus officials are determining if a large-scale conversion of Hatch Hall would be required to create the apartments. The new apartments would be funded by the Residence Hall Association.

The earliest date for the building would be available is fall 1995.

UMKC to host speaker on transportation

Former Massachusetts secretary of transportation, Fred Salvucci, will discuss the effect of transportation on urban revitalization at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Salvucci is a senior lecturer at the Center for Transportation Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The free lecture will be held in Room 106 of the University Center, located at 50th and Holmes streets.

SEMO fees rise \$5 to \$10 per credit hour

Regents at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau raised the fees for undergraduate students.

This fall, in-state students will pay \$5 more per credit hour, while out-of-state students will pay \$10 more per hour.

This is the sixth consecutive incidental fee increase by the Board of Regents.

Webster U. to receive facelift

Several key areas at Webster University in St. Louis will receive a facelift during the next few months.

First on the agenda is a new 70-car parking lot which will be built between Hazel Avenue and Edgar Road.

The university also plans to install new lighting on Edgar Road and the Music Building parking lots.

UMKC hires new business Chair

A nationally known authority on leadership has been appointed to the faculty at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Lee B. Bolman, director and principal investigator at the National Center for Educational Leadership at Harvard University Graduate School of Education, has been chosen to fill the Marion B. Bloch Chair in Leadership in the Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration.

MISSOURI HOUSE

Groups champion HB 564

By JEFFREY SLATTON

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY—

Over 20 groups converged on the Capitol building Tuesday to show support for House Bill 564, the Omnibus Health Care Bill.

House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron), sponsor, was joined at a press conference Tuesday by co-sponsor Rep. Chris Kelley (D-Columbia), chairman of the budget committee, and groups representing various health care providers, nurses, child advocate groups, education professionals, civic, religious, and other organizations.

"I thank all of you for supporting this bill," Griffin said. "Nothing like this can be accomplished without a whole lot of work."

Literature provided by Griffin says HB 564 will cost approximately \$23 million, while raising \$28 million in order to serve 600,000 people.

Sister Jeane Ryan, CEO of SSM Health Care Systems in St. Louis, spoke first and introduced key members at the conference. She urged the state Representatives to solve the real problems of this state.

"Do not be distracted by the little conflicts that have arisen," she said. "We need to focus on the needs of the children of this state. House Bill 564 is a step in the right direction."

Duke McVey, President of the Missouri AFL-CIO, also said HB 564 is a step in the right direction.

"While this bill doesn't address all the needs of health care in our society, it at least addresses the acute problem we have with poor children who lack adequate health care," he said.

Kelley pointed out that the real battle concerning this bill starts with the tobacco industry.

"This is going to be a tough battle," he said. "Who will win? They are very well represented up here. You must combat their muscle."

Much of the dissatisfaction with the bill has

RALLYING THE TROOPS



House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) addresses reporters about the benefits of House Bill 564 in the House Lounge Tuesday. Griffin, along with representatives from more than 20 groups, including Pro-Life organizations, showed overwhelming support for the bill.

JEFFREY SLATTON/The Chart

A NEW LIFE



JEFFREY SLATTON/The Chart

Jim Foster (left), president of the Missouri Association of Nurseries, and David Gale, vice president, plant a Red Bud tree on the grounds Tuesday to celebrate the governor's proclamation of May as Yard and Garden Beautification Month in Missouri.

UNITED STATES SENATE

Senator blasts Clinton program

Bond to speak in Joplin today

By JEFFREY SLATTON

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY—

U.S. Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-Missouri) stopped in Jefferson City Tuesday to meet with reporters about the Stimulus Package proposed by President Bill Clinton.

Bond, who had been in Mexico earlier in the day participating in a radio press conference, told reporters the spending cuts must be paid for with cuts in other spending

programs.

"This comes on the heels of a straight party line adoption of a Clinton budget that includes some \$273 billion in net tax increases," he said. "This is a deficit increase package, not a stimulus plan."

"If this spending package is worth spending tax dollars on, then it is worth being paid for by cutting other programs."

Bond said Senate Republicans have tried to cut wasteful spending out of the package.

"The deficit and the \$4 trillion

debt that rides along with it is a drag on our savings, a drag on our productivity, and it convinced me that we cannot either spend our way out of debt or into economic stability," he said. "We will be better able to encourage private-sector jobs when the deficit stops choking our competitive spirit."

Bond said the Clinton plan would add nearly \$1.2 trillion to the national debt over the next five years, because while taxes go up, government spending on domestic programs continues to rise.

Bond is scheduled to speak at 12:45 p.m. today at Anderson Car and Tractor, 3030 N. Range Line Rd.

GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER IN MISSOURI AWARD

93-year-old woman named 1st recipient

Gov. Mel Carnahan honored Julia Goldstein, 93, of University City on Tuesday as the first recipient of the Governor's Volunteer in Missouri Award.

Goldstein was honored for creating the Partners for Educational Excellence Program (PEEP). The

PEEP program operates in most of the elementary schools in University City, outside of St. Louis, matching senior citizen volunteers with first graders who are having difficulty in school.

"Julia has motivated many young children to learn by boosting their self esteem," Carnahan said. "She

and the other PEEP volunteers are wonderful role models for children who may not have grandparents."

This award is a new program that will honor specific individuals for their selfless efforts to help others. Goldstein was selected to receive the first award when she wrote Carnahan a letter to draw attention to PEEP.

► SOFTBALL

Lady Lions take act on the road

By CHAD HAYWORTH

MANAGING EDITOR

After a mid-week split with number two ranked Augustana College, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions head into four days of road action tomorrow.

Southern, 20-5, travels to Warrensburg for the Jennies Invitational Tournament hosted by Central Missouri State University.

"We're playing good ball right now," Coach Pat Lipira said. "I'm very happy with our efforts."

The Lady Lions travel Monday to Boliver to face Southwest Baptist University. Southern's originally scheduled games with the Lady Bearcats earlier this season were canceled due to inclement weather.

Tuesday, Southern travels to Jefferson City to face MIAA rivals the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the University of Missouri-Rolla, and Lincoln University. Currently, the Lady Lions are 5-0 in the MIAA south division.

"The important thing is that we

play well during the conference tournament week," Lipira said. "We have the potential to win the league, if we play well."

The Lady Lions are ranked ninth in the latest NCAA Division II softball poll. Southern had fallen out of the poll after a 5-3 start.

Southern has since gone 15-2, and Lipira gives some of the credit to senior designated hitter Dana Presley.

"Dana has always been a great softball player," she said. "She is always an offensive threat."

Because Presley played with the Lady Lion basketball team well into the spring, Lipira said it is hard to find a defensive slot for her.

"To solidify our defense, we have to set it up early," she said. "The best way for us to get Dana into the lineup is to bring her in as the DH."

In last Tuesday's first game, sophomore pitcher Angie Hadley tossed a shutout and the Lady Lions beat Augustana 3-0. In the second game, Augustana tallied 9-3.

► TRACK AND FIELD

Frigid conditions hinder performance in Arkansas

By P.J. GRAHAM

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Missouri Southern Lion and Lady Lion track and field teams participated in the University of Arkansas Invitational last Saturday. Head coach Tom Rutledge said the elements were not an excuse, though they were far from perfect.

"It was very, very cold and very wet," he said. "It tests the athlete's mental and physical strengths."

"Some of the freshman felt they were being punished, but you have to train them for the elements."

At Arkansas, Lucretia Brown placed fifth in the 400 and 200 meter run. The women's one by 400 meter relay team placed fourth. Debbie Williams and Jason Ramsey took fifth in the 800 meter

run and the 400 meter hurdles, respectively. Doug Martin also threw 150-8 in the discus for a personal best.

Three of the track and field athletes attended the Southwest Baptist University Classic this weekend. At SBU, Dwayne Friend took second in the high jump and fourth in the long jump with 6-2 and 20-2 1/2, respectively. Van Vandaveer ran 2:03.42 in the 800 meter for fourth place.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, Southern will host the MSSC Crossroads Collegiate Invitational. Several Southern athletes may not be in the meet due to injuries. Scott Tarnowiecky and Carlos Haley will both be out for an indefinite period of time and Tongula Givens and Shelly Rose may not run this weekend.

► FOOTBALL

Smith gets reprieve
NCAA grants senior another season

By MARNIE CROW

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Missouri Southern's football squad received good news from the NCAA on one of two hardship appeals last Friday.

The NCAA granted senior wide receiver Rod Smith's appeal and declared him eligible to play next year. Smith injured his knee on the opening kickoff of Southern's third game of the 1992 season. According to NCAA rules, a player can be medically red-shirted if he has played less than 20 percent of the season. Smith's injury happened on the first play of the third game in a ten-game season, violating the 20-percent rule. The NCAA ruling negates Smith's playing time during the game.

Many people believed that this injury would cost Smith more than just another season of college football.

"A lot of NFL people thought that he lost a quarter of a million dollars the night he was injured," Lions' Head Coach Jon Lantz said.

The decision was one that not only benefited Smith but the football team as a whole.

"The NCAA made a decision based upon what was good for him as an athlete," Lantz said. "If this would have happened the year before, I'm not sure it would have turned out this way."

"The loss of two key players [Smith and senior quarterback Matt Cook] really took a lot out of the team."

"We're glad to have Rod back and now we just have to wait for Matt's return," Lantz said. "It should just be a technicality. Matt was hurt in the first game and fell well within the 20 percent rule."

While awaiting word on his appeal, Smith said he did some rebuilding of his own in order to stay in playing shape.

"I went to the training room for an hour and a half each day to work out and try to regain some of the muscle tone I lost," he said. "I want to finish the season on my feet, not on my back."

"Southwest Baptist was a competitive match," said coach Goergina Bodine. "It was a real good win for us."

By MARNIE CROW

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Last week, the football Lions added a new face to their coaching staff.

Rob Green signed a one-year contract to fill the vacancy left by Al Cade, who resigned in March to coach for Northwest Missouri State University.

Green's duties will include coaching the defensive secondary and assisting with the strength and off-season conditioning programs.

► TENNIS

SLIDE ON BY



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Missouri Southern designated hitter Dana Presley slides into third just ahead of the Augustana tag.

► BASEBALL

PSU next for confident Lions

Auer: 'We treat it like any other game'

By T.R. HANRAHAN

SENIOR EDITOR

Despite yesterday's 15-5 loss to Southern California College, the baseball Lions remain confident about facing Pittsburg State University in a key three-game series at Becker Stadium.

Currently, Southern stands 7-3-1 in the MIAA, good for second place to the 7-3 Gorillas. The University of Missouri-St. Louis is chasing both from third place.

"This is a big series, that's true," said Matt Auer, senior pitcher. "But we treat it like any other game—they're just another team."

In order to be eligible for post-season play, the Lions must finish first or second in the South

Division of the MIAA. Head Coach Warren Turner said Southern is still on track for the playoffs.

"Things are still up in the air," he said. "They (PSU) are a tough team, we are evenly matched. We need to take things one game at a time."

Even though Lions pitcher Todd Casper is still looking to post a 1993 decision, he likes the Lions' position.

"We are in the driver's seat," he said. "We are definitely in the best position. We have to play them (PSU) and Lincoln (University), and they have to play us and UMSL."

Casper will likely start the second game of the PSU series, with Rick Lapka starting game three and

Matt Auer getting the nod in the opening game. Auer is 2-3 on the year and said there is no pressure to get the Lions an immediate win.

"No pressure," he said. "I just need to go out there and throw strikes, keep the ball down, get my curve over, and stay ahead of their hitters."

"It's another game; there is no additional pressure."

Casper said any pressure the Lions feel will be muted by experience.

"I've been there before," he said. "So have a lot of the guys on this team. They know how to keep the game in perspective."

"If things go badly or you lose, you shake it off and go after the next game. Win without bragging—lose without crying."

After facing PSU, the Lions will have five days off.

► TENNIS

Southern downs SBU, faces WU

DAVID BURNETT

STAFF WRITER

Behind a balanced attack, the Lady Lion netters beat Southwest Baptist 5-4 last Saturday.

After singles play, the score was even at 3-3, but Southern won two doubles matches to secure the victory.

The number three doubles team, Michelle Yount and Mandy Guillen, experienced their first win of the season. Considering that was their win that gave Southern the deciding edge, it could not have come at a better time.

"Southwest Baptist was a competitive match," said coach Goergina Bodine. "It was a real good win for us."

Coaching at the college level was something that Green has always wanted to do.

Head Coach Jon Lantz said Green was the perfect person for the position.

"He really fits into the program," Lantz said. "He's a hard worker, a good motivator, and he believes in the value of what we do here."

Green has worked at Southern's football camps during the past three years.

"I'm very familiar with the campus, faculty, and the programs," Green said.

Southern will try to improve its 3-6 record today at Washburn. The Lady Lions will then head to Emporia on Friday for a 9 a.m. match.

"Washburn is always tough, but if our girls can play at the top of their game, anything can happen," said Bodine.

The Lady Lions are improving each time out, and hope to peak at the conference tournament, which begins April 22.

"The doubles team of Emily Blackwell and Diane Hoch have been very consistent. They have been in every match they've played this year," said Bodine.

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The Lady Lions are a young team that looks to Hoch, who is the only player to return from last year for leadership.

"Because I am the only player from last year, the younger players come to me if they have questions about what to expect," said Hoch.

The Lady Lions next home match will be Monday afternoon against Drury College. Jill Fisher, who plays number one for Southern, is ready for her singles match.

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I was wrong with Shaq, but not Webber

Here we go again! Last year, I jumped up here on my high horse and preached to the people of Missouri Southern that Shaquille O'Neal should stay in school and get his degree. Was I wrong? Aghh!

I hate this part of this job more than anything. That is the part where I admit I might have been wrong. Might be the key word in that sentence.

O.K. Maybe he should have turned professional because he's having a great season. He is endorsing practically as many products as Michael Jordan (I guess he wants to be like Mike) and doing very well.

Fellow columnist Chad Hayworth told me I was wrong. The Shaq should take his money and run with it all the way to the bank.

I was wrong. Boy did that hurt. Shaq is the exception to the rule, however. If Shaq had stayed in school just one more year.

If Denver Nugget great Chris Jackson had stayed at Louisiana State with them, they would have had an awesome team. Possibly a team that could have contended for the national championship.

Oh well, we'll never know.

Anyway, in this case I made a mistake, an error, a blunder, a foul-up, and a slip.

'Nuff said.

Anyway, I'm going to take another shot at this stay-in-school deal this year.

This year's victim is from my favorite college basketball team, the Michigan Wolverines. (Yeah, right, "Rock Chalk Jayhawk" is my favorite chant.)

It is bad enough that the guy plays for Michigan, but with all that Fab Five crap that you hear almost daily, becomes too much.

Of course I'm speaking of Chris Webber.

The one and only guy who blew Michigan's chance at winning the national championship.

Time out!

Oops, I don't have any left.

ESPN's Dick Vitale said he thinks Webber should still play pro next year. Maybe he has the physical ability to play in the NBA, but does he have the mental ability? That is the real question.

Vitale thinks so. After the game he was on the air saying, "Webber baby, NBA baby, the way, gonna suit up with the Mavs next season. He's the next superstar."

Dick, you should be the next one committed.

What happens next year is he is playing for the Dallas Mavericks and he makes the play. I hope Quin Buckner would at least fine him. Along with that, the fans and media would never let him forget it.

Hayworth and Vitale say they feel bad for Webber. I don't.

As many assistant coaches as Michigan had on the sideline, one of them had to be charging time-outs.